

WJZ-TV
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's medical reporter, Kellye Lynn, discusses health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

Education

October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore teachers who took a special ride to promote math and science.

October 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Salisbury University dropping the S-A-T admission requirements.

October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on President Bush calling for a special summit on school violence.

October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that shows educational videos helps kids excel.

October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a school violence summit hosted by President Bush.

October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Carroll County police cracking down on drivers who don't stop for school buses.

October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the 9-1-1 transcripts of the Amish school shooting being released.

October 11: Eyewitness News did a story on the gubernatorial candidates' education plan.

October 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City leaders who want to install metal detectors in the city's most dangerous schools.

October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on an independent review that found Anne Arundel County schools lack basic security measures.

October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on teachers in Utah carrying guns to school for protection.

October 19: Eyewitness News did a story on new research that found Maryland High School graduates may not be ready for college.

October 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the price of tuition at private colleges topping 30-thousand dollars.

October 26: Eyewitness News did a story on a study that found college graduates earn double the salary of non-graduates.

October 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the state possibly taking over Annapolis High School.

October 28: Eyewitness News did a story on Actress Rosie O'Donnell donating a new education center in Louisiana.

November 1: Eyewitness News did a story on construction problems at a Baltimore City school.

November 3: Eyewitness News did a story on a racial fraternity party at Hopkins University.

November 4: Eyewitness News did a story on the Senate Candidates debating education.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the president of Coppin State University leaving the school.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a local teacher who was given a car by her students.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on National Education week.

November 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a former teacher accused of sexual abuse.

November 29: Eyewitness News did a story on a controversial children's book

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on how parents of students at Anne Arundel county high schools and middle schools can now check their child's grades online.

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on local students making care packages for soldiers.

December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on the Supreme Court reopening the issue of affirmative action.

December 5: Eyewitness News did a story on Ravens player Todd Heap's visit to a local school.

December 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Gallaudet's University trying to get accreditation.

December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the new interim president at Gallaudet University.

December 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the newest member of the Montgomery Co. School Board.

December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on six Maryland schools named Blue Ribbon Schools by the state.

December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on a new system in Harford County to alert parents when schools close.

December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on actress Jada Pinkett Smith donating money to the Baltimore School for the Arts.

December 14: Eyewitness News did a story on a task force looking at the way Maryland educates African-American boys presenting more than a dozen suggestions to the state board of education.

December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on new rules regarding school immunizations.

December 21: Eyewitness News did a story on a kindergartener accused of sexual harassment after pinching a classmate.

ON TIME

October 22: When the Florence Crittenton services formed in the late 1890's, it was to help unwed teenage girls. Now the organization helps with teen parenting and provides a safe haven for teenage girls who are victims of violence and abuse.

November 19: Kai Jackson talks with the new president of Baltimore City Community College about the roll community colleges play in arena of higher education. She tells Kai that the school has an open enrollment policy. Students from all walks of life and from all education levels are accepted into programs that the college offers. BCCC recently created a partnership with Baltimore City Schools where students can earn college credit for taking specific courses.

Consumer

October 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the dangers of sweeteners in dog food.

October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on the big toys for Christmas already selling out.

October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on housing costs.

October 3: Eyewitness News did a story on Target being sued for allegedly selling counterfeit purses.

October 5: Eyewitness News did a story about side air bag crash tests for cars.

October 6: Eyewitness News did a story on Florida Power and Light suing the state of Maryland

October 8: Eyewitness News did a story on a Baltimore company developing a new spray to fight e-coli.

October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on the bank merger between PNC Bank and Mercantile.

October 9: Eyewitness News did a story on Lettuce that could be contaminated with e-coli.

October 10: Eyewitness News did a story on how home heating bills are expected to be lower this winter.

October 11: Eyewitness News did a story on making online banking more secure.

October 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study that found it's cheaper to live in the city rather than the suburbs.

October 12: Eyewitness News did a story on Miller launching a holiday beer.

October 13: Eyewitness News did a story on how people often mistake cleaning products for sports drinks.

October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on new federal rules for diesel fuel.

October 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the deadline for filing an extension on your taxes.

October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on how the e-coli scare is hurting the produce industry.

October 17: Eyewitness News did a story on low gas prices in Maryland.

October 18: Eyewitness News did a story on how online job seekers are victims of identity theft.

October 18: Eyewitness News did a story on the Dow Jones topping 12,000.

October 19: Eyewitness News did a story on a computer virus affecting IPODS.

October 20: Eyewitness News did a story on the stock market setting a new record.

October 22: Eyewitness News did a story on an egg salad recall.

October 23: Eyewitness News did a story on how Dunkin Donuts plans to triple the number of stores.

October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on Mr. Potato Head pumpkin-decoration kits may pose a choking hazard.

October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the price of college going up.

October 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a new Lexus car that parks itself.

November 1: Eyewitness News did a story on fake playstation 3's being sold over the Internet.

November 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the new IPOD shuffle hitting stores.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the Maryland Public Service Commission keeping electricity rates stable.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the Eisner Ad Agency in Baltimore shutting down.

November 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the annual car reliability survey.

November 13: Eyewitness News did a story on playstation 3 going on sale.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on how stores are decorating for Christmas before Thanksgiving.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on the new KFC logo.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on several company's stocks going public.

November 14: Eyewitness News did a story on low car prices.

November 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a recall of sauces at Wegman's grocery store.

November 15: Eyewitness News did a story on people are waiting in line to buy the Playstation 3.

November 15: Eyewitness News did a story on Target and Wal-Mart slashing prices on toys and electronics.

November 16: Eyewitness News did a story on shopping secrets to save money at the grocery store.

November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on dangerous toys.

November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on stores opening at midnight on Thanksgiving.

November 20: Eyewitness News did a story on more people regifting for Christmas.

November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on a miniature doll toy recall.

November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the Insurance Industry's list of safest cars.

November 21: Eyewitness News did a story on Target lowering prescription drug prices.

November 22: Eyewitness News did a story on Wal-Mart lowering food prices.

November 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the busiest shopping day of the year.

November 29: Eyewitness News did a story on fire dangers related to the Microsoft Xbox game.

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on a group of monks that run a multi-million dollar office supply website.

December 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the Los Angeles Auto Show.

December 4: Eyewitness News did a story on natural gas prices going up.

December 6: Eyewitness News did a story on gift card fraud

December 7: Eyewitness News did a story on new rules about selling jewelry that contains lead.

December 11: Eyewitness News did a story on hotel room taxes in Ocean City going up.

December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a new system to determine a car's chances of rolling over.

December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on Wal-Mart selling "Tickle Me Elmo" on its website.

December 12: Eyewitness News did a story on online retailers are making a push to increase online holiday sales.

December 13: Eyewitness News did a story on how the price of rent for two bedroom apartments has skyrocketed.

December 14: Eyewitness News did a story on retail sales for November.

December 14: Eyewitness News did a story on pennies and nickels worth more than their face value because of metal prices.

December 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a recall for the Nintendo game Wii

December 18: Eyewitness News did a story on companies boosting security for cell phone banking transactions.

December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on small car safety versus fuel efficiency.

December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on how online shopping is more popular than ever.

December 19: Eyewitness News did a story on Delta Airlines filing a re-organization plan with the bankruptcy court.

December 20: Eyewitness News did a story on people in Carroll County being double billed for purchases made at Sears.

December 21: Eyewitness News did a story on how stores are tightening return policies to stop thieves from stealing expensive items and returning them for a full refund.

December 24: Eyewitness News did a story on Toyota toppling General Motors as the number one car maker.

December 26: Eyewitness News did a story on retailers hoping to make more money on returns and gift cards.

Health

Oct 4- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins where doctors have just made a medical breakthrough that could one day cure people suffering from ragweed allergies

Oct. 11- Eyewitness News goes to UMD and learns about a new study that shows E.R visits go up after sporting events and meets a few patients

Oct. 12- Eyewitness News goes to a local church where people are helping provide food for the families of women battling breast cancer (KOMEN)

Oct. 17- Eyewitness News goes to Kennedy Krieger and a Parkville home to learn more about RETT syndrome a disorder that is routinely misdiagnosed as autism

Oct. 18- Eyewitness News goes to UMD to learn more about a robotic Devinci device being used to treat people with cardiac disorders for the first time

Oct. 20- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins to learn more about a new KOMEN program that is matching breast cancer patients with clinical trials that could possibly save their lives.

Oct. 25- Eyewitness News goes to G.B.M.C to learn more about a new sexual assault treatment center aimed at protecting the health and law enforcement in assault cases

Oct. 26- Eyewitness News goes to a Baltimore City Health Department Press Conference where experts are warning parents not to give their children cough medicine because it reportedly does not work and could be dangerous to their health

Oct. 27- Eyewitness News goes to Mercy Medical Center to learn about the new Hana hip table that is getting people needing hip replacement surgery back on their feet in no time

Nov. 2- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins and learns about new recommendations aimed at helping those with prostate cancer live longer

Nov. 9- Eyewitness News meets two women who beat inflammatory breast cancer and goes to Mercy Medical Center to learn ways to detect the tricky disease

Nov. 14- Eyewitness News goes to Good Samaritan where doctors are helping patients with Alzheimer's reclaim some of their memory with the help of artwork

Nov. 15- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins where doctors have uncovered that dark chocolate helps fight blood clots

Nov 15- Eyewitness News goes to St. Agnes where doctors are performing a new procedure called HIPEC, a unique approach, to fighting colorectal cancer

Nov. 20- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins where doctors perform a first-of-its-kind quintuple kidney swap

Nov 21- Eyewitness News goes to Union Memorial Hospital where doctors are performing a new just approved FDA type of hip replacement called the Birmingham Hip

Nov. 23- Eyewitness News goes to a Kennedy Krieger group of Down syndrome young adults who are involved in mentoring while helping to work for the upcoming Festival of Trees event

Nov. 27- Eyewitness News meets with a team of UMD experts and learns why a rash of recent ecoli outbreaks in food may only be just the beginning

Nov 28- Eyewitness News goes to GBMC where a doctor is improving vision loss in elderly people suffering from macular degeneration

Dec. 1- Eyewitness News commemorates World Aids Day and meets those battling the illness while learning about what's being done to eliminate the scourge

Dec 5- Eyewitness News goes to St. Josephs Medical Center to learn more about this weeks FDA review of stents and its danger

Dec. 6- Eyewitness News goes to Johns Hopkins to find out the dangers of meningitis and learn how to protect yourself from it

Dec. 7- Eyewitness News goes to Timonium where a group called Mosaic is helping foster children teens cope with the rigors of becoming an adult

Dec. 12- Eyewitness News goes to GBMC where doctors are curing a nasal problem with a new type of balloon procedure for the sinuses

Dec. 13- Eyewitness News goes to Mercy Medical Center where doctors are performing a new knee replacement surgery

Dec. 16- Eyewitness News talks to a Union Memorial Doctor about how best to keep a healthy heart by getting frequent scans

Dec. 19- Eyewitness News goes to the Baltimore County Health Department where efforts are underway to immunize dozens of children before they are banned from school

Dec. 19- Eyewitness News goes to UMD to learn more about why new warning labels may be placed on acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and aspirin

Dec. 21- Eyewitness News learns a state Health Report says more and more people are going to ER rooms for visits but don't need to and why its affecting overall hospital care in places like Sinai hospital for example

Dec. 22- Eyewitness News goes to Mercy Medical Center to learn how to best protect yourself from getting sick during the busy travel season

Dec. 27- Eyewitness News goes to GBMC to learn more about why heartburn drugs have been linked to hip fractures

ON TIME

October 1: Kai Jackson talks with breast cancer survivor Ranjanie Young about her experiences with this disease.

October 8: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Baltimore City Cancer Program and a breast cancer survivor about the importance of catching cancer early through diagnostic tools including self-exams, clinical examinations and mammograms. They discuss how they are trying to reach more African American women and get them to take advantage of their free screenings and treatments. Cassandra Warthen tells Kai Jackson how this program saved her life by discovering her breast cancer.

October 8: Robin Prothro, executive director of Komen Maryland tells Kai Jackson how one sister's promise to her older sister dying from breast cancer lead to the formation of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the raised the awareness of this disease. Komen is credited with bringing breast cancer to the forefront and increasing funding for research.

October 8: Claudia Januchowski tells Kai Jackson that her type of breast cancer isn't found on a mammogram and is so rare that many in the medical community are unaware of its symptoms. Inflammatory Breast Cancer isn't detected with a mammogram and doesn't have the traditional lumps that most breast cancers have. Instead its symptoms are a dimpling of the skin.

October 8: Kai Jackson interviews Susan Nierenberg, a biology teacher at Woodlawn High School who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She tells Kai why it was important to talk with her students about her breast cancer, using herself as a teaching example.

October 15: Kai Jackson talks with Erika Murray and Danielle Lemieux about Juvenile Diabetes or Type 1 that affects mainly children. They tell Kai about the symptoms and how the disease affects the body's organs if left untreated. JDRF's upcoming walk hopes to raise money for more research into what causes juvenile diabetes.

October 15: Kai Jackson talks with breast cancer survivor Jen Woodward who was diagnosed weeks before her mother got the same news. Since her treatment concluded she gave birth and was concerned that the chemo might have affected her baby.

October 22: Kai Jackson talks with cardiologist Dr. Christopher deFilippi and heart survivor Matthew Day about the warning signs of a heart attack. They discuss how time is critical to getting medical help. Heart disease kills more women than breast cancer. They discuss the upcoming heart walk.

October 29: Kai Jackson talks with three breast cancer survivors, Tirra Pack, Giselle McDonough and LeVonnia Harper about their experiences with this disease. They tell Kai how important it is for women to advocate for their own health.

November 5: Kai Jackson talks with Joyce Danzler, the deputy director of the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene about a new statewide campaign to draw attention to the problem of rape. One in eight women are victims of this crime of which 70-90% go unreported. The new campaign helps to educate the public about the problem and get victims to seek treatment.

November 5: The March of Dimes is raising funds to fight prematurity by bringing local chefs together to cook up a cuisine sampling from around the state. Chef Tim Mullen and event organizer Michael Coady prepare a sample of what will be featured at the event. Many of the dishes that will be featured are not yet on the menu of the participating restaurants so participants will get a preview of upcoming menu items.

November 12: Kai Jackson talks with the head of surgery from Bon Secours Baltimore Health System about their wound care center. Wound care is critical for diabetics. Without adequate treatment, wounds can fester into major problems that lead to foot and leg amputations. He explains to Kai why early treatment is beneficial.

November 12: Dr. Stephen Schnur tells Kai Jackson that as a cardiologist, he has many overweight patients with heart problems. He worked with nutritionists on his staff to develop a diet book that is based on choosing good sources of fiber as a means to control weight and at the same time be beneficial to heart health.

November 19: Victor Broccolino tells Kai Jackson that Howard County General Hospital has begun a campus development plan to build a new patient tower with more patient beds and existing semi private beds will be converted to single status. He discusses how the hospital has grown over the past 33 years to address the healthcare needs of Howard County residents.

November 19: Kennedy Krieger Institute provides a Therapeutic Family Center that helps parents learn how to care for children with developmental and neurological problems. Kai Jackson talks with the program's director and a husband and wife that provide foster care to two young children. They discuss how special training is needed to acquaint parents with caring for special needs children.

November 26: As World AIDS Day approaches, Kai Jackson talks with Kathy Bennett who is HIV positive and works as a caseworker from the Institute for Human Virology founded by Dr. Robert Gallo, co-founder of the HIV virus. She tells Kai Jackson how she struggled with the disease and how her granddaughter kept her from committing suicide.

December 24 & 31: The Partnership for a Drug-Free America has partnered with the Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems in Baltimore City as a means to address drug abuse issues. Steve Cline and Adam Brickner tell Kai Jackson how significant the drug problem is in Baltimore and how important it is to have addicts enroll in programs to treat their medical problems.

Art & Culture

Nov. 23- WJZ as part of its community commitment sponsors the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Festival of Trees.

Nov. 27- WJZ as part of its community commitment has the 8th Annual Manic Monday Meltdown.

Nov. 28- Eyewitness News goes to a local and renown glass blower to learn just how difficult this art form is to make.

Nov. 28- WJZ as part of its community commitment takes part in the annual tree lighting in Towson.

Dec. 2- WJZ as part of our community commitment takes part in the annual Hampden Christmas Parade.

Dec. 7- WJZ as part of its community commitment attends the lighting of the Washington Monument, a Baltimore institution.

Dec. 28- WJZ goes to the Hippodrome to learn more about the new Nutcracker premiering there.

ON TIME

November 26: Dr. Malonga Miatudila tells Kai Jackson how he came to co-author the book "Beyond the Storm" on the Congo's rise and fall of political leaders. He tells of meeting Dr. William Close, the other author, in the 1960's just after the Congo gained independence from Belgium. He tells Kai Jackson how his country rich in minerals is a paradox with the majority of the population living in dire poverty.

December 3: Kai Jackson continues his interview with Dr. Malonga Miatudila about recent elections in the Congo and the political history of this central African nation. He tells Kai why a country that is rich in

natural resources – oil, minerals- has become taken over by unscrupulous businesses that have stripped the country of its wealth and left the people poverty stricken.

December 3: Ten Thousand Villages operates two stores in the Baltimore area. This non-profit business provides fair trade – pays native artisans in developing countries a fair wage for their crafts. Suzanne Southard, the executive director shows Kai Jackson examples of the handmade crafts that they import to sell in the stores.

December 10: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson that books make good holiday presents. She describes how to select a book as a gift and offers examples of several children's books that would make good gifts.

December 17: Dr. David Terry, executive director of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture tells Kai Jackson about their upcoming Kwanzaa celebration and how it ties into the mission of the museum. He explains how Kwanzaa began and how it connects to the cultures of Africa.

December 17: Karen Milbourne, curator of African Art for the Baltimore Museum of Art tells Kai Jackson about a new exhibition opening at the BMA, Meditations on African Art: Light. The items in this exhibition, many previously unseen by the public, are organized around how they are viewed with light: sacred, morning, twilight. Light affects how these items are seen.

December 17:Port Discovery has their Noontime New Year's International Celebration honoring the Greek Culture. Celia Lourens tells Kai Jackson about the different activities that are planned to introduce young children to all things Greek – from language to Greek mythology.

December 24 & 31: Tracy Baskerville tells Kai Jackson about the city's plans to ring in the New Year with special fireworks and Inner Harbor entertainment featuring two prominent bands.

Community

October 1: Kai Jackson talks with the director of Adelante Familia about domestic violence in the Latino/Hispanic population. Lisa Kickmeyer attributes this problem to the culture that has very defined male and female roles. She tells Kai about other services they provide.

October 1: Baltimore County has the largest number of senior citizens and hosts an annual Senior Expo and Baby Boomer Expo featuring health screening, workshops on internet security and dating, a job fair, volunteer fair and entertainment. Arnold Eppel, the director of the county's aging department tell Kai Jackson how the expo has changed to serve a diverse population.

October 1: Aileen Gabbey, the executive director of the Maryland SPCA tells Kai Jackson about the animals they rescue and the procedure to adopt pets. She discusses their new on-line auction that will help fund their programs that include medical care and spay and neuter programs for pets.

October 15: Since becoming a non-profit organization, the city's animal shelter has increased the adoption rates for pets in their facility. Jennifer Mead and Tierney Lyons tell Kai Jackson how the shelter has been able to solicit donations and volunteers to help transform the program. Their upcoming fundraiser in Patterson Park highlights the services they provide.

October 22: The League of Women Voters was formed 80 years ago and the Howard County chapter is celebrating its 60th anniversary. League representatives tell Kai Jackson about their mission to register voters and inform them about the issues and candidates. They discuss the upcoming event featuring the Capitol Steps.

October 29: Kai Jackson talks with the publisher of Maryland Life about the event his magazine sponsors with Maryland You Are Beautiful to honor volunteers across the state. This year's top award, the

Marylander of Distinction Award goes to Eddie Brows, CEO and founder of Brown Capital Management. They discuss the role that volunteers play in helping to improve life in our state.

October 29: The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland are the 9th largest chapter in the nation. Traci Barnett explains to Kai Jackson how their program develops leadership qualities in young girls. They have targeted girls in Baltimore City with special outreach efforts to reach inner city girls. Part of their program is aimed at making young girls feel good about themselves.

November 5: The Enoch Pratt Free Library is sponsoring a new campaign, Hip Hop Happenings, aimed at getting more teens into the library. Abigail Cooley tells Kai Jackson about the different events and how this youth culture movement is often misunderstood.

November 12: Trophy of Life is a new organization started by Portia Wheatley to reward struggling individuals and families with gift certificates, tickets – items to make life easier. She tells Kai Jackson why she started the organization and how it helps brighten lives.

November 26: Kai Jackson talks with Sharon Pinder the special secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs about the role she played in revamping the department to make it more effective in helping minority and women owned businesses. She discusses why it is important to continue the mission of assisting these businesses in an effort to level the playing field.

December 3: Kai Jackson talks with Law Professor F. Michael Higginbotham about the role that race played in recent Maryland elections. They discuss the Governors and US Senate races in particular.

December 10: Christopher McCabe, secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Resources tells Kai Jackson how important it is to get more people to become foster care families and give a home to the thousands of Maryland youth who have been removed from their natural/birth parent's care. He discusses the criteria to become a foster care parent and how the state screens and trains all interested adults willing to open up their hearts and homes to these children.

December 10: The Salvation Army has been assisting with natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina but they also help thousands of needy families during the holidays. Major Gary Haupt tells Kai Jackson that they raise money through their kettle drive and this in turn allows them to provide food, gifts, shelter and other services to the low income and homeless populations of Greater Baltimore.

December 24 & 31: Kai Jackson talks with CPA Scott Hall about things consumers can do before the end of the year to lessen their tax burden. Several suggestions included increasing pension and 401K contributions, employer match contributions, and making contributions to charity. They also discussed changes to the tax law that go into effect for 2007.